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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 7, 2006

Applicants provide the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2006 (hereinafter the "Office Action"), in the above-captioned application.

Concurrently with this response, Applicants are filing a petition for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the time for response be extended up to and including September 7, 2006.

A check in the amount of \$1,520 is submitted herewith to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. \$1.17(a)(3) for the three-month extension of time and the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. \$41.20(b)(1) for the Notice of Appeal (both being filed concurrently herewith) for a large entity. No additional fees are believed due with this response. However, in the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the fees determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge or credit any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Responsive to the Office Action, please amend the above-captioned application as set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.